

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: This week the State experienced sporadic rain fall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported above normal average temperatures for this time of year. Producers were allowed 5.1 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
Very Short Short Adequate Surpl							
This Week	0	26	61	13			
Last Week	2	35	63	0			
Last Year	27	42	31	0			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short Short Adequate S						
This Week	2	36	54	8			
Last Week	0	41	59	0			
Last Year	38	44	18	0			

Small Grains: Winter wheat was reported 89 percent ripe and 70 percent harvested. Spring barley was 99 percent headed, 65 percent turning color, and 8 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported at 90 percent headed, 44 percent turning color, 5 percent harvested and in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 38 percent silked, 5 percent dough and in good condition at the end of last week. Sorghum was reported 99 percent emerged, 25 percent headed, and 15 percent turning color with the majority of the crop in good condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good condition. Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Dry bean acreage was 45 percent flowered. The majority of the crop is in good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT								
Week ending July 26, 2009								
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent			
	Poor							
Spring Barley								
This Week	0	0	3	59	38			
Last Year	1	6	29	48	16			
Spring Wheat								
This Week	0	0	22	68	10			
Last Year	1	8	34	43	14			

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained consistent with last week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with the 2nd cutting 40 percent finished.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average again this week. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year. Livestock in Colorado are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending July 26, 2009

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-
	Poor				lent
Pasture & Range-2009	0	2	25	60	13
Prev. Year – 2008	27	28	32	12	1
5-Year Avg.	14	21	37	25	3

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 26, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	89	84	100	100
Harvested	70	50	83	94
Spring Barley				
Headed	99	92	100	100
Turning Color	65	50	74	78
Harvested	8	N/A	7	6
Spring Wheat				
Headed	90	79	98	99
Turning Color	44	32	58	65
Harvested	5	N/A	4	6
Corn				
Silked	38	28	54	44
Dough	5	0	4	3
Sorghum				
Emerged	99	97	98	100
Headed	25	18	40	27
Turning Color	15	10	29	6
Dry Beans				
Flowered	45	30	55	45
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	40	30	64	42

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Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	2	14	67	17
Corn	0	0	10	68	22
Sugarbeets	0	0	0	85	15
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	80	20
Fall Potatoes	0	0	24	42	34
Sorghum	0	0	21	68	11
Dry Beans	0	1	2	76	21
Dry Onions	0	0	1	82	17
Livestock	0	0	5	87	8

 $[\]underline{1}$ / Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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